

**REMARKS**

The current Response amends the current status of all the claims in the application to conform to the Revised Amendment Practice issued by the Patent Office on July 24, 2003. This Response is deemed not to add new matter, but rather simply to comply with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 29, 2004. Claims 1-5 and 7-21 are now in the application.

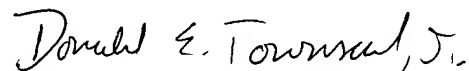
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested. In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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